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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, APRIL 14

1. SUN (PAGE 1) HEADLINE "US NEGOTIATORS ENCOURAGE SHIFT BY MOSCOW TO SMALLER MISSILES" DATELINED BONN, ASSERTS ONE OF GOALS OF US IN SALT TALKS IS TO ENCOURAGE USSR TO DE-EMPHASIZE FIXED, LAND-BASED MISSILES AND RELY MORE HEAVILY ON SMALLER, LESS VULNERABLE WEAPONS, ESPECIALLY SUBMARINE-LAUNCHED MISSILES.

2. SUN (PAGE 4) HEADLINE :KREMLIN, IN WAKE OF KISSINGER VACUUM, SCRAMBLES TO DEVISE MIDEAST STRATEGY," BY MICHAEL PARKS, REFERS TO IMPENDING VISIT OF IRAQ'S SADDAM HUSSEIN AND EGYPT'S FAHMY, VISIT OF TWO SOVIET OFFICIALS TO ISRAEL, AND REPORTED CONSULTATIONS WITH SYRIA AND PLO. SOVIET PROPAGANDISTS HAVE VIRTUALLY DROPPED THEIR CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE RECONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE.

3. SUN (PAGE 9). COLUMN BY CHARLES W. YOST, HEADLINED UNCLASSIFIED

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"SOVIET-US DETENTE DISPLAYS SIGNS OF HEALTH."

4. NYT (PAGE 3) HEADLINE "ITALY'S COMMUNISTS SET TITOIST COURSE" DATELINED ROME. TIES WITH MOSCOW

STRAINED BY DISPUTES OVER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL, ROLE OF SOVIET NAVY IN MEDITERRANEAN, AND ATTITUDES TOWARD PEKING, ACCORDING TO EAST EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS. ITALIAN CP CLOSELY ALLIED TO YUGOSLAV COMMUNISTS. KIRILENKO SAID TO HAVE LEFT ROME IN HUFF AFTER THE ROME CONGRESS.

5. NYT (PAGE 3) HEADLINE "PROGRESS OF BONN-SOVIET DETENTE IS BEING SLOWED BY ARGUMENTS" DATELINED BONN. SCHMIDT REPORTEDLY CONCERNED THAT ACCOMMODATION WITH SOVIETS BEING LOST IN LEGALISTIC ARGUMENTS. DEFENSE MINISTER LEBER'S ARTICLE "VIETNAM AND 'US'" DISCUSSED, AS WELL AS SOVIET AMBASSADOR FALIN'S INTERVIEW ON OSTPOLITIK, PROBLEMS IN ROUTING OF POWER LINES OF KALININGRAD NUCLEAR POWER PLANT THROUGH EAST GERMANY AND WEST BERLIN, AND DISPUTE ON WEST GERMAN CONSULAR REPRESENTATION OF WEST BERLIN IN EASTERN EUROPEAN COURTS.

6. NYT (PAGE 33) WILLIAM SAFIRE COLUMN DISCUSSES CSCE,

CLAIMING US GIVING THE SOVIETS WHAT THEY WANT, A PERMANENT DIVISION OF EUROPE, WITHOUT GETTING ANYTHING SUBSTANTIAL IN RETURN, SUCH AS INVALIDATION OF THE BREZHNEV DOCTRINE.

7. WP (PAGE 23) EVANS AND NOVAK COLUMN HEADLINE "DETENTE AND TROUBLED WATERS" SUBHEAD: "PRESIDENT FORD'S TOUGHEST JOB IS TO FIND WAYS FOR U.S. TO ESCAPE FURTHER DEFEATS WITHIN DETENTE FRAMEWORK."

8. WP (APRIL 12) (PAGE 12) DATELINED JERUSALEM: TWO SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES IN ISRAEL SAID TO HAVE OFFERED TO GUARANTEE ISRAEL'S SECURITY WITHIN 1967 BORDERS AND RENEWED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS FOLLOWING OVERALL PEACE AGREEMENT (ISRAEL AND USSR REFUSED TO COMMENT).

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9. NYT - APRIL 12 (PAGE 1) DATELINE MOSCOW BY JAMES CLARITY ON 250 MILLION DOLLAR LOAN FROM GROUP OF WESTERN BANKS HEADED BY LAZARD FRERES.

10. WP - APRIL 13 (PAGE 8) HEADLINE "SOVIETS GIVE PLEDGE, BUT NOT TRADE" BY PETER OSNOS ON SIMON-BREZHNEV MEETING. BREZHNEV PLEDGED CONTINUED POLICY OF SEEKING BETTER RELATIONS WITH U.S., BUT SOVIETS GAVE NO SIGN

OF WILLINGNESS TO BARGAIN AGAIN ON QUESTION OF EASING
EMIGRATION IN RETURN FOR US-SUPPLIED BENEFITS. SIMON
VISIT SUMMARIZED.

11. NYT - APRIL 13. WEEK IN REVIEW SECTION, ARTICLE
BY JAMES CLARITY ON WHAT SOVIET UNION WANTS IN THE
MIDDLE EAST. NO INDICATION THAT KREMLIN'S BASIC
POLICIES HAVE CHANGED.

12. SUN (PAGE 7) DATELINED WASHINGTON. SOVIET SHIPPING
OFFICIALS HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO STATE DEPARTMENT THEY
INTEND TO DISREGARD ANY FEDERAL LAW REQUIRING THEIR
SHIP LINE OPERATIONS TO ADHERE TO CARGO RATE-FIXING
STANDARDS SET BY U.S. ARTICLE REFERS TO TESTIMONY OF
RAYMOND J. WALDMAN OF EB OPPOSING BILL OF SENATOR
INOUE; RICHARD K. BANK, DIRECTOR OF MARITIME AFFAIRS,
SAID SOVIET SHIPPING REPRESENTATIVES SAID THEY WOULD
HAVE TO OPERATE AS OTHER CARRIERS DO -- ENGAGE
IN ILLEGAL REBATING. HEINE, PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES
LINE, IN SUPPORT OF BILL, POINTED FINGER AT FAR EAST
SHIPPING COMPANY AS PRIME PRACTITIONER OF RATE-CUTTING
IN PACIFIC SHIPPING.

13. SUN (PAGE 7) HEADLINE "SOVIET BUYERS WANT MORE"
DATELINE MOSCOW. PEOPLE'S EXPECTATIONS ARE RISING
MUCH FASTER THAN CONSUMER GOODS PRODUCTION AND
POPULAR DISSATISFACTION RISING. KISSINGER

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